

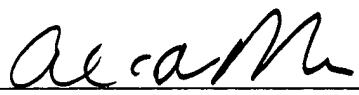
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Remarks:

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to conform to preferred U.S. patent practice such as deleting reference characters and deleting multiple dependencies in the claims. The invention is not limited to any particular embodiment described or shown in the specification. Furthermore, Applicants have amended the format of the claims and certain terms to reflect standard U.S. format.

Respectfully submitted,

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